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For: FINITE AMPLITUDE DISTORTION-
BASED INHOMOGENEOUS PULSE
ECHO ULTRASONIC IMAGING

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- 1) Japanese Patent Application Publication Kokai: Heisei. 8-294487, published November 12, 1996.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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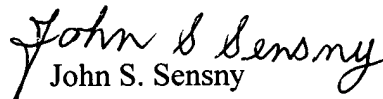
A copy and a translation of this Japanese patent application are submitted herewith.

This Japanese patent application was published in November 12, 1996, which is after the filing date of the present application. Accordingly, this Japanese patent application is not prior art as to the present application.

Applicant notes that a Final Action was issued in this case on March 19, 1998; however in a Communication dated August 31, 1998, that Office Action final rejection was withdrawn. Accordingly, it is believed that 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) sets forth the requirements needed to have this Disclosure Statement considered. A fee, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2) and 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), in the amount of \$180.00 is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 19-3886. A duplicate copy of this statement is enclosed.

Accordingly, it is hereby requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered and made of record in the above-identified patent application.

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1. a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, or
 2. a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311,
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Also submitted herewith is:

- ☐ a certification as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

OR

- ☒ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c).

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